

Energy & Climate Change Portal

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This is your Boulder resource for learning about and taking action on energy and climate issues.

City of Boulder Solar Rebate Program

City Council has approved a solar rebate ordinance which goes into effect on December 14, 2006.

Press Release

Solar Rebate Form (this form can be filled out electronically with Adobe Reader, printed, and signed)

Frequently Asked Questions about the solar rebate

For more information: Email Environmental Affairs or call 303-441-3878

The City of Boulder's Climate Action Plan and Tax

View Boulder's Climate Action Plan (5.69 MB) updated September, 2006

[View Final Ballot Language for the Climate Action Plan Tax](#)

[View City Council Memo on Climate Action Plan Tax and Ordinance](#)

[View Press Release about the Climate Action Plan Tax](#)

Energy is an integral part of life in the city of Boulder. We need electricity and natural gas to power our buildings and fuel to power our vehicles. Currently, the majority of the energy used in Boulder comes from fossil fuels, which contribute to air and water pollution, resource depletion, and global climate change.

In 2006, City Council accepted the Climate Action Plan developed by staff in the Office of Environmental Affairs in collaboration with a committee of community stakeholders. The Plan is a blueprint for reducing the community's greenhouse gas emissions in line with the Kyoto Protocol target and developing a sustainable energy future. A sustainable energy future is achievable through the widespread adoption of the overarching strategies presented in the Plan, which are to:

- Increase energy efficiency
- Switch to renewable energy and vehicle fuels
- Reduce vehicle miles traveled

To reach the target, we all must do our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The city of Boulder is committed to finding ways to meet our growing energy demand while protecting the environment and stimulating the economy. We are also committed to making sure that our residents have the information and resources necessary to use less energy, save money and make the best possible energy choices. This includes knowing how to pick the most energy efficient products and appliances, improve the efficiency of homes and commercial buildings, use alternative transportation and much more. Visit this website often for information on new city programs and resources.

Find out how your emissions stack up against other Boulder residents. Try out the City's new:

[Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Calculator](#)

Recent News

2005 GHG Progress Report released (1.29 MB)

Boulder becomes the first Green Power Community in Colorado!

Solar PV rebates are here!

Federal tax incentives are here!

Xcel Energy business rebates are here!

You may qualify for free weatherization services to save you energy all year long. [Click here for more info.](#)

City launches new commercial efficiency pilot program. [Click here for more info.](#)